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DUKE POWER REPORT OF FUEL ADJUSTMENT ANALYSIS

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

The Commission's Utilities Department Staff analyzed the Company's procedures and practices pertaining to its fuel operation. Staff's examination consisted of the following:

- 1) Review of the Company's monthly fuel reports including:
 - a) Power Plant Performance Data Reports
 - b) Major Unit Outage Reports
 - c) Generation Mix
 - d) Generation Statistics
 - e) Retail Comparison of MWH Sales
 - f) Retail Comparison of Fuel Costs
- 2) Review of the Company's currently approved Adjustment for Fuel Costs tariff.
- 3) History of Cumulative Recovery Account.
- 4) Calculation of fuel costs to be included in the base rates for June 2003 through May 2004.

REVIEW OF COMPANY'S MONTHLY FUEL REPORTS

The Company files with this Commission monthly reports that include power plant performance data, major unit outages, generation mix, and other reports that provide the Staff pertinent data on which to evaluate the Company's fuel operating expenses.

Selected information from the Power Plant Performance Data Reports for nuclear and fossil plants is shown on **Exhibit No. 1**. It includes a listing of capacity factors and equivalent availability factors for each unit by month for the period and also includes the yearly capacity factors (1999-2002) and the lifetime (cumulative) capacity factor of the nuclear units. These factors are expressed as a percentage. This percentage figure can be a useful index when attempting to locate or identify a particular problem or unusual occurrence.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-865 (Supp. 2002) certain criteria are established for review of a utility's effort to minimize fuel expenses. In evaluating a utility's fuel costs under this section, it is necessary to examine and determine whether the utility has made every reasonable effort to minimize fuel costs associated with the operation of its nuclear generation system while "giving due regard to reliability of service, economical generation mix, generating experience of comparable facilities and minimization of the total cost of providing service."

The Staff's Nuclear Unit Outage Report considers each outage experienced by unit, giving the inclusive dates of the outage, days out of service, type of outage (Scheduled or Forced), the reason for the outage, and the corrective action taken. This information covers the period, April 2002 through March 2003, which is being considered in this proceeding and is shown in **Exhibit No. 2A**. Staff compiled this data through review of Company documents, NRC documents, and interviews with Company personnel. The Company's Nuclear Units performed very well during this period achieving an actual average capacity factor of 95.73 percent which included five refueling outages. Four of these five refueling outages set records for the shortest outage times ever at the respective units.

The Staff's Fossil Unit Outage Report is a listing of plants by unit, duration of outage (greater than 100 hours), reason for down time, and corrective action taken to return the unit to service. The information specifically reviewed for this proceeding is for the months of April 2002 through March 2003 and is included in **Exhibit No. 2B**. These Units' Availability Factors were in the 95 plus percentile for the greater portion of this period.

Staff reviewed and compiled a percentage Generation Mix statistic sheet for the Company's fossil, nuclear and hydraulic plants for April 2002 through March 2003. The fossil generation ranged from a high of 47% to a low 39%. The nuclear generation ranged from a high of 60% to a low of 53%. The percentage of generation by hydro ranged from a high of 2% to a low of 0%. This information is included in **Exhibit No. 3**.

The Staff also collected and reviewed certain Generation Statistics of Major Plants for the 12 months ending March 31, 2003. This data is presented on **Exhibit No. 4**. This Exhibit shows the Company's major plants by name, type of fuel used, fuel cost in cents per kilowatt-hour to operate and total megawatt-hours generated for the period. The nuclear fueled Catawba and Oconee Stations were lowest in cost at 0.40 cents per kilowatt-hour. The highest amount of generation of 20,859,664 megawatt-hours was produced at the Oconee Nuclear Station.

Utilities Department **Exhibit No. 5** shows a comparison of the Company's original retail megawatt-hour (MWH) estimated sales to the actual sales for the period from April 2002 through March 2003. The original projections ranged from an over-estimate of 6.02% in March 2003 to an over-estimate of 2.14% in November 2002 with a total over-estimate of 1.42% for the period.

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DUKE POWER NUCLEAR UNIT OUTAGE REPORT April 1, 2002 – March 31, 2003

to service.

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DUKE POWER NUCLEAR UNIT OUTAGE REPORT April 1, 2002 – March 31, 2003

REASON FOR OUTAGE AND CORRECTIVE ACTION	Refueling Outage.	During replacement of Feedwater Transmitter, pump speed increased resulting in high level in the Steam Generator. Feedwater Transmitter replaced and unit returned to service.	Refueling Outage plus turbine overspeed trip test.	Feedwater and Turbine intercept valves failed. Repaired and returned unit to service.
DAYS/TYPE*	21.19/S	1.55/F	26.33/S	0,46/F
DATE OF OUTAGE	CATAWBA 1 04/27/02 – 05/18/02	02/04/03 — 02/05/03	CATAWBA 2 03/01/03 – 03/27/03	03/28/03 — 03/29/03
UNIT	CATAWBA 1		CATAWBA 2	

TYPE* F-Forced S-Scheduled

DUKE POWER MAJOR FOSSIL UNIT OUTAGE REPORT (100 HRS OR GREATER DURATION) APRIL 1, 2002 – MARCH 31, 2003

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REASON FOR OUTAGE AND CORRECTIVE ACTION	Boiler inspections. Major Turbine overhaul.	Furnace wall tube leak.	Fire due to fuel oil strainer leak.	Boller inspections.	Furnace wall tube leak.	Superheater tube leak.	Boiler inspections.		Control system upgrade.	Economizer tube leak.	Control system upgrade continued.	Control system upgrade continued.	Vibration of the turbine generator.	Minor Boiler overhaul.
HRS/TYPE*	421/S 710/S	188/F	128/F	211/S	119/F	156/F	194/S		672/S	101/F	672/S	744/S	184/F	241/S
LIND	Belews 2 Cliffside 5	Marshall 3	Cliffside 5 NONE	Marshall 4	Belews 1	Belews 2	Marshall 3	NONE	Belews 1	Belews 2	Belews 1	Belews 1	Belews 2	Marshall 3
MONTH	APR 02	MAY 02 JUN 02	JUL 02 AUG 02	SEP 02	OCT 02		NOV 02	DEC 02	JAN 03		FEB 03	MAR 03		

TYPE* F - Forced S - Scheduled

NET GENERATION MIX

APRIL 1, 2002 - MARCH 31, 2003

MONTH-YEAR		PERCENTAGE					
<u> </u>	FOSSIL	NUCLEAR	<u>HYDRO</u>				
April-02	42	58	0				
May-02	40	60	0				
June-02	43	57	0				
July-02	46	54	0				
August-02	45	55	0				
September-02	47	53	0				
October-02	47	53	0				
November-02	43	57	0				
December-02	39	60	1				
January-03	43	56	1				
February-03	44	56	0				
March-03	44	54	2				

GENERATION STATISTICS OF MAJOR PLANTS

APRIL 1, 2002 - MARCH 31, 2003

PLANT	TYPE FUEL	AVERAGE FUEL COST (CENTS/KWH*)	GENERATION (MWH)
Catawba	Nuclear	0.40	18,775,814
Oconee	Nuclear	0.40	20,859,664
McGuire	Nuclear	0.41	19,031,127
Marshall	Coal	1.41	14,932,054
Cliffside 5	Coal	1.70	3,312,340
Belews Creek	Coal	1.47	14,445,562

^(*) The average fuel costs for coal-fired plants include oil cost for start-up and flame stabilization.

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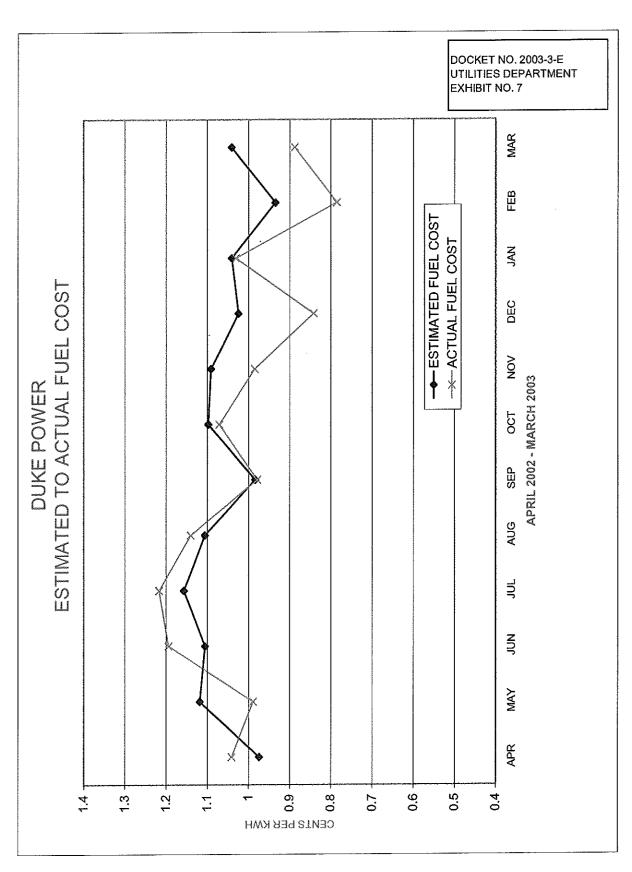
SOUTH CAROLINA RETAIL COMPARISON OF ESTIMATED TO ACTUAL ENERGY SALES

TOTAL	21,675,442	21,371,917	303,525	1.42%
MAR	1,673,424	1,578,394	95,030	6.02%
FEB	1,810,337	1,750,788	59,549	3.40%
2003 JAN	2,146,058 2,004,030 1,682,094 1,602,078 1,705,506 1,867,667 1,810,337 1,673,424 21,675,442	1,733,465 1,772,066 1,750,788	95,601	5.39%
DEC	1,705,506	1,733,465	-27,959	-1.61%
NOV	1,602,078	1,692,041 1,637,187	-35,109	-2.14%
007	1,682,094	1,692,041	-9,947	-0.59%
SEP	2,004,030	2,150,826 1,958,095	45,935	2.35%
AUG	2,146,058	2,150,826	4,768	-0.22%
ᆌ	1,980,728	1,945,785	34,943	1.80%
NOC	1,875,916	1,841,386	34,530	1.88%
MAY	1,655,175 1,672,429 1,875,916 1,980,728	1,610,498 1,701,386 1,841,386 1,945,785	-28,957	-1.70%
2002 APR	1,655,175	1,610,498	44,677	2.77%
	ESTIMATED SALES [MWH]	ACTUAL SALES [MWH]	AMOUNT DIFFERENCE [1]-[2]	PERCENT DIFFERENCE [3][2]
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DUKE POWER SOUTH CAROLINA RETAIL COMPARISON OF ESTIMATED TO ACTUAL FUEL COST (CENTS /KWH)

	NAN N	1.0411	0.8874	0.9500	17.32%
0		0.9342	0.7852	0.9500	18.98%
2003		1.0408	1.0304	0.9500	1.01%
נו		1.0242	0.8416	0.9500	21.70%
À CA	<u>}</u>	1.0909	0.9849	0.9500	10.76%
1.50	5	1.0976	1.0711	0.9500	2.47%
OH OH OH	7	0.9839	0.9790	0.9500	0.50%
0114		1.1060	1.1408	0.9500	-3.05%
		1.1574	1.2169	0.9500	-4.89%
2		1.1058	1.1937	0.9500	-7.36%
>		1.1188	0.9889	0.9500	13.14%
2002 APP	<u> </u>	0.9745	1.0410	0.9500	-6.39%
		ORIGINAL PROJECTION	ACTUAL EXPERIENCE	AMOUNT IN BASE	VARIANCE FROM ACTUAL [1-2]/[2]
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Electricity No. 4 South Carolina Sixteenth Revised Leaf No. 50B Superseding South Carolina Fifteenth Revised Leaf No. 50B

ADJUSTMENT FOR FUEL COSTS

APPLICABILITY

This adjustment is applicable to and is a part of the Utility's South Carolina retail electric rate schedules.

The Public Service Commission has determined that the costs of Fuel in an amount to the nearest one ten-thousandth of a cent, as determined by the following formula, will be included in the base rates to the extent determined reasonable and proper by the Commission.

 $F = \frac{E}{S} + \frac{G}{S_1}$

Where:

F = Fuel cost per kilowatt-hour included in base rate, rounded to the nearest one ten-thousandth of a cent.

E = Total Projected system Fuel costs:

(A) Fuel consumed in the Utility's own plants and the Utility's share of fuel consumed in jointly owned or leased plants. The cost of fossil fuel shall include no items other than those listed in Account 151 of the Commission's Uniform System of Accounts for Public Utilities and Licensees plus SO₂ emission allowances recorded in Account 509. The cost of nuclear fuel shall be that as shown in Account 518 excluding rental payments on leased nuclear fuel and except that, if Account 518 also contains any expense for fossil fuel which has already been included in the cost of fossil fuel, it shall be deducted from this account.

Plus

(B) Purchased power fuel costs and applicable SO₂ emission allowances such as those incurred in unit power and Limited Term power purchases where the fuel costs and applicable SO₂ emission allowances associated with energy purchased are identifiable and are identified in the billing statement.

Plus

(C) Interchange power fuel costs and applicable SO₂ emission allowances such as Short Term, Economy and other where the energy is purchased on economic dispatch basis.

Energy receipts that do not involve money payments such as Diversity energy and payback of storage energy are not defined as purchased or interchange power relative to this fuel calculation.

Minus

(D) The cost of fuel and applicable SO₂ emission allowances recovered through intersystem sales including the fuel costs and applicable SO₂ emission allowances related to economy energy sales and other energy sold on an economic dispatch basis.

Energy deliveries that do not involve billing transactions such as Diversity energy and payback of storage energy are not defined as sales relative to this fuel calculation.

- S = Projected system kilowatt-hour sales excluding any intersystem sales.
- G = Cumulative difference between jurisdictional fuel revenues billed and fuel expenses at the end of the month preceding the projected period utilized in E and S.
- S₁ = Projected jurisdictional kilowatt-hour sales for the period covered by the fuel costs included in E.

The appropriate revenue-related tax factor is to be included in these calculations.

The fuel cost F as determined by SCPSC Order No. 2002-401 for the period June 2002 through May 2003 is 0.9500 cent per kilowatt-hour.

South Carolina Sixteenth Revised Leaf No. 50B Rate effective for bills on and after June 1, 2002 PSCSC Docket No. 2002-3-E Order No. 2002-401

HISTORY OF CUMULATIVE RECOVERY ACCOUNT

PERIOD ENDING	OVER (UNDER)\$
May 1979 - Automatic Fuel A November-79	1,398,442
May-80	11,322,948
November-80	4,588,331
May-81	(5,760,983)
November-81	(13,061,000)
May-82	(14,533,577)
November-82	(4,314,612)
May-83	20,915,390
November-83	14,192,297
May-84	18,245,503
Novembe r -84	14,478,363
May-85	2,551,115
November-85	(553,465)
May-86	(1,318,767)
November-86	(29,609,992)
May-87	(27,241,846)
November-87	(29,329,168)
May-88	(9,373,768)
November-88	6,544,914
May-89	6,067,739
November-89	11,372,399
May-90	15,421,968
November-90	2,939,303
May-91	17,068,483
November-91	21,265,000
May-92	21,080,856
November-92	11,553,801
May-93	16,959,555
November-93	221,606
May-94	6,609,897
November-94	1,037,659
May-95	5,088,619
November-95	(377,507)
March-97	(13,299,613)
March-98	(1,956,794)
March-99	13,044,443
March-00	26,703,441
March-00 March-01	20,367,528
March-02	(7,446,417)
March-02	(1,166,680)
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PROJECTIONS OF THE CUMULATIVE RECOVERY ACCOUNT FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY 2004

	FUEL BASE (Cents/Kwh)	PROJECTED CUMULATIVE OVER/(UNDER) RECOVERY (\$)
	0.9000	(77,695,670)
CURRENT FACTOR	0.9500	(66,874,584)
GORRENT AGTOR	1.0000	(56,053,497)
	1.1000	(34,411,324)
COMPANY PROPOSED	1.1500	(23,590,238)
	1.2000	(12,769,151)
	1.2500	(1,948,065)
	1.2587	(65,195)
	1.2588	(43,553)
	1.2589	(21,911)
ZERO UNDER	1.2590	(269)
ZERO OVER	1.2591	21,373
	1.3000	8,873,022
	1.3250	14,283,565
	1.3500	19,694,109
	1.3750	25,104,652
	1.4000	30,515,195
	1.4250	35,925,738
	1.4500	41,336,282
	1.4750	46,746,825
	1.5000	52,157,368
	1.5250	57,567,911
	1.5500	62,978,455
	1.5750	68,388,998
	1.6000	73,799,541

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	0.9000	(77,650,084)
CURRENT FACTOR	0.9500	(66,828,998)
•	1.0000	(56,007,911)
	1.1000	(34,365,738)
COMPANY PROPOSED	1.1500	(23,544,652)
	1.2000	(12,723,565)
	1.2500	(1,902,479)
ZERO UNDER	1.2587	(19,609)
ZERO OVER	1.2588	2,033
	1.2589	23,675
	1.2590	45,317
	1.2591	66,959
	1.3000	8,918,608
	1.3250	14,329,151
	1.3500	19,739,695
	1.3750	25,150,238
	1.4000	30,560,781
	1.4250	35,971,324
	1.4500	41,381,868
	1.4750	46,792,411
	1.5000	52,202,954
	1.5250	57,613,497
	1.5500	63,024,041
	1.5750	68,434,584
	1.6000	73,845,127